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Docket No. 207224US0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Satoshi KIKUCHI et al

SERIAL NO: 09/846,255

FILED: May 2, 2001

FOR: CLEANING PROCESS FOR SUBSTRATE SURFACE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment (with marked-up copy) in the above-identified application.

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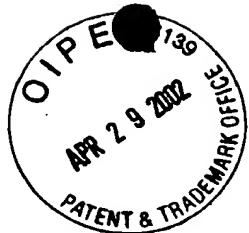
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 29, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

- Sub B2*
1. (Amended) A process for cleaning a surface of a substrate, said surface carrying thereon a high-density film and a low-density film lower in density than said high-density film in combination, which comprises continuously bringing a mixed gas of anhydrous hydrogen fluoride gas and a heated inert gas into contact with said surface of said substrate such that at least a portion of said low-density film is removed without impairing said high-density film beyond a tolerance.

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